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1. UNDER HEADLINES "CIA ADMITS CONTACTS WITH TOWNLEY"  
14 MARCH "EL MERCURIO" AND "LA TERCERA" CARRY LATIN NEWS  
SERVICE VERSION OF "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE ON LETELIER CASE.  
ACCORDING TO THE STORY AN UNIDENTIFIED CIA SPOKESMAN ACKNOWLEDGED  
THAT THE AGENCY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MICHAEL TOWNLEY BUT  
SAID THAT HE WAS NEVER USED AS AN AGENT. "HE WAS ONE OF THOSE  
TYPES WHO WANTED TO PLAY WITH THE BIG BOYS. WE LISTENED TO HIM  
BUT HE NEVER WORKED FOR US".

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